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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF 46TH MEETING,
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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE DECEMBER 10 RECOMMENDED RE-APPOINTMENT OF FIVE MEMBERS OF ICSC, ADOPTED DRAFT REPORTS ON ITEM 93 (MTP) AND ITEM 96 (COORDINATION), AGREED THAT RAPPO-TEUR COULD HENCEFORTH SEND NON-CONTROVERSIAL REPORTS DIRECTLY TO PLENARY, AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF JIU. SOME DELS FAVORED POSTPONEMENT OF QUESTION OF CONTINUATION OF JIU UNTIL 32ND GA. OTHERS STRONGLY FAVORED ACTION AT THIS SESSION.
END SUMMARY

2. ITEM 101 - APPOINTMENTS TO ICSC. BY CONSENSUS, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO INFORM GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT RECOMMENDED AMJAD ALI (PAKISTAN), MICHAEL O. ANI (NIGERIA), A.S. CHISTYAKOV (USSR), P.N. HAKSAR (INDIA), AND HALIMA WARZAZI (MOROCCO) FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO ICSC FOR FOUR-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1977.

3. ITEM 93 - MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR PERIOD 1978-81 - RAPPO-TEUR NASON INTRODUCED DRAFT REPORT OF FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/C.5/L/27), WHICH COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4. ITEM 96 - ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION OF

UN WITH SAS AND IAEA. RAPPORTEUR NASON INTRODUCED DRAFT REPORT OF FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/C.5/31/L.25), WHICH COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

5. TEMPORARY PROCEDURE REGARDING NONCONTROVERSIAL REPORTS OF FIFTH COMMITTEE - FOLLOWING A SUGGESTION BY THE CHAIRMAN, AND AFTER HEARING APPROVING COMMENTS BY PHILIPPINES, BELGIUM, USSR, AND CHAIRMAN ACABQ, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO FOLLOW PROCEDURE USED IN OTHER COMMITTEES WHEN THERE IS A NONCONTROVERSIAL REPORT AND HAVE RAPPORTEUR REPORT DIRECTLY TO PLENARY WITHOUT GOING THROUGH FIFTH COMMITTEE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD NOT APPLY TO MATTERS OF PROGRAM BUDGET, AND THAT IT WAS TEMPORARY MEASURE FOR DURATION OF THIS SESSION.

6. ITEM 97 - JOINT INSPECTION UNIT:

(A) IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT US, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, KENYA, AND TUNISIA HAD JOINED CO-SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IN A/C.5/31/L.31) ON CONTINUATION OF JIU. GHANA (SEKYI) IN REPLY TO ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE'S QUESTIONS ON ARTICLE 20 AT PREVIOUS MEETING, SAID (1) CO-SPONSORS AGREED TO INSERT "RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE" BEFORE "ACABQ" IN FIFTH LINE OF PARAGRAPH ONE; (2) IT WAS UP TO ACABQ TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WOULD SUBMIT SEPARATE REPORT ON JIU BUDGET; (3) IT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3.1 OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR ARTICLE 20 OF DRAFT STATUTE TO BECOME OPERATIVE, CO-SPONSORS AGREEABLE TO SUCH AMENDMENT; (4) USE OF WORD "BUDGET" IN PARAGRAPH TWO WAS NORMAL AND SHOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEMS.

(B) UPPER VOLTA SAID IT HAD SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH ARTICLES 3 AND 20. FRANCE (NAUDY) SAID IT GENERALLY AGREED WITH TEXT. IRAN (TALIEH) HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH ARTICLE 20. CANADA (HUNTER) ASKED FOR COMMENTS OF CHAIRMAN OF ACABQ RE PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING JIU BUDGET, ESPECIALLY WHETHER IT MET FINANCIAL REGULATION OF UN; ALSO WANTED VIEWS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ON TEXT. PHILIPPINES (GARRIDO) SUPPORTED CANADIAN REQUEST. USSR (GRODSKY) WAS AGAINST EXTERNAL EVALUATION AND ENLARGEMENT, HAD DOUBTS ABOUT JIU BEING ON PERMANENT BASIS, AND THOUGHT NOTES AND CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS AS WELL AS REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ACABQ, WHICH COULD INFORM GA OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBSTANCE. FRG (LEMPE) WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF ENLARGEMENT BUT COULD JOIN CONSENSUS. BYELORUSSIA SSR (BELYAEV) BELIEVED MANDATE SHOULD BE CONTINUED, THAT UNIT SHOULD STUDY TOPICAL MATTERS SUCH AS RESOURCES FREED FROM OTHER PROGRAMS, INFORMATION SERVICES, ESPECIALLY OPI, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO GA. ALSO AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT ON PERMANENT BASIS, INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP, AND EXTERNAL EVALUATION FUNCTION. UK (STUART) POINTED OUT INCREASE OF ABOUT \$1 MILLION IN BUDGET DUE TO

INCREASE IN MEMBERS, AND INFORMALLY SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION ON JIU UNTIL NEXT YEAR. POLAND (ABRAAZEWSKI) SUPPORTED SUGGESTION AS DID CANADA WHICH THOUGHT COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLUTION BEFORE IT AND ALSO THAT JIU SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY CONSENSUS. BELGIUM, GHANA, AND AUSTRALIA SPOKE AGAINST POSTPONEMENT. ZAIRE, SUPPORTED BY ALGERIA, MOVED FOR CLOSURE OF DEBATE AND IMMEDIATE VOTING. UK AND POLAND SPOKE AGAINST CLOSURE. ZAIRE'S MOTION WAS REJECTED BY 16 (MOST CO-SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION) - 27 (UK, SOV BLOC, CANADA) - 30 (US, AUSTRALIA).

(C) WHEN DEBATE WAS RESUMED, REP OF WHO SAID ITS POSITION REMAINS SAME AS THAT REFLECTED IN RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY WHO EXEC BD IN A/31/75/ADD.2 ON PAGE 13 AND IN SYG REPORT SETTING OUT VIEWS OF ACC IN A/31/75/ADD.1, AND THAT DRAFT STATUTE TOGETHER WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WILL BE PLACED BEFORE WHO EXEC BD IN JANUARY 1977. FAO REP SAID ITS POSITION IS CONTAINED IN A/31/75/ADD.1 AND 31/75/ADD.2, AND THAT IF C/5 DOES NOT TAKE ACTION, HE CAN SEEK FURTHER ADVICE AT GOVERNING BOARD SESSION IN JUNE 1977. USSR INTRODUCED THREE AMENDMENTS TO TEXT IN L.31: DELETION OF "CONTINUING BASIS" IN PARA 1, ARTICLE 1; SUBSTITUTION OF "8" FOR "11" IN PARA 1, ARTICLE 2, AND ELIMINATION OF "EXTERNAL" IN PARA 2, ARTICLE 5. GDR (HUCKE) PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT UNDER RULE 118; ALGERIA ASKED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF LATENESS OF HOUR, CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED.

7. PROGRAM OF WORK. COMMITTEE WILL MEET AFTERNOON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 TO TAKE UP FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS FOLLOWED BY SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. IT WILL ALSO HAVE EVENING MEETING TO RESUME JIU AND UNCTAD.

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